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July 13, 2006

Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
617 N. Third Street, 9th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Re: Y Sand, Reservoir L, Weeks Island Field,
Iberia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of The Meridian Resource & Exploration L.L.C. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Y Sand, Reservoir L, Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Y Sand, Reservoir L, located in Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Y Sand, Reservoir L, designated as the Y RL SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration L.L.C. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;
5. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration L.L.C. - J. A. Smith No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit;
6. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

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7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Y Sand, Reservoir L.

The Y Sand, Reservoir L, in the Weeks Island Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 17,600 feet and 17,780 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Humble Oil & Refining Company - Juliet Hill Provost No. 5 Well, located in Section 17, Township 14 South, Range 7 East, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. Mr. Jim Hardwick of James F. Hardwick & Associates, consulting geologist for the applicant, discussed the bases of the applicant's proposal. After a period of discussion, questions and answers the conference was adjourned. At this time it is unknown whether there will be opposition at the hearing.

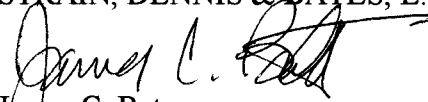
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Weeks Island Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Weeks Island Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from James F. Hardwick & Associates, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. Also enclosed is a copy of the plat showing the proposed unit. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.



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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager

Interested Parties
Interested Owners
Represented Parties

